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*From J. STRUTHERS, Esq., M.D., &c., Professor of Anatomy,
University of Aberdeen.*

September 15, 1866.

Dr David Nicolson has been well known to me during the last three years as one of the most industrious and excellent students of Medicine in this University. I believe him to be well qualified for, and deserving of any appointment which a well-educated young medical man can hold, and have no doubt that he will discharge his professional and other duties efficiently and conscientiously.

(Signed)

JOHN STRUTHERS.

*From J. MACROBIN, Esq., M.D., &c., Professor of the Practice of
Medicine in the University of Aberdeen, and Dean of
the Faculty.*

17th Sept., 1866.

MY DEAR SIR,—I have great pleasure in stating my opinion of your qualifications for holding the appointment for which you are a candidate. I consider you to be very highly qualified in all the departments of the profession. You were one of our best students, and I am sure you must, subsequently to receiving your degree, have acquired a large amount of practical knowledge in the situation which you now hold.—I remain, yours very truly,

(Signed)

J. MACROBIN, M.D., &c.

*From GEO. OGILVIE, Esq., M.D., Professor of the Institutes of Medicine
in the University of Aberdeen.*

It gives me much pleasure to refer to Dr Nicolson's diligent and assiduous prosecution of his medical studies during the whole period of his attendance at our School, and, in particular, while a student in the class of physiology. Of his professional abilities, it is unnecessary here to speak at length, as his proficiency in the various branches of our curriculum is sufficiently attested by the very creditable manner in which he passed his successive examinations for his degrees, and the credentials he has already received from my colleagues and myself; but I may add that, having acted as my class Assistant, in superintending the demonstration of microscopic structure and other points, I am satisfied, from the able and painstaking way in which he attended to all the matters under his charge, and from my knowledge of his thorough integrity and sound moral principle, that he will discharge efficiently and conscientiously all the duties of any situation to which he may be appointed.

(Signed)

GEO. OGILVIE, M.D.,
Prof. of the Institutes of Medicine
in the Univ. of Aberdeen.

*From ROBERT DYCE, Esq., M.D., F.R.S.E., Professor of Midwifery, &c.,
in the University of Aberdeen, and Consulting Physician to the Royal
Infirmary.*

I have much pleasure in certifying that Dr D. Nicolson was a most attentive and industrious student at the University, that he passed an excellent examination, and was graduated with honours on taking his degrees of M.B. and C.M. I believe that Dr Nicolson is well qualified to undertake the general practice of any Hospital, &c., or to assist a general practitioner.

(Signed)

RO. DYCE, M.D., F.R.S.E.

*From GEO. DICKIE, Esq., M.D., Professor of Botany,
University of Aberdeen.*

I have much pleasure in stating that Dr D. Nicolson, while a student at our Medical School, was always notable for excellent deportment and diligence in acquiring a knowledge of his profession. After passing through the course of medical study with much credit to himself and satisfaction to his teachers, he received his medical diploma "with Academical Honours."

I believe he has a good knowledge of his profession, and that he would conscientiously discharge any duties assigned to him.

(Signed)

G. DICKIE, M.D., &c.

*From AL. HARVEY, Esq., M.D., F.R.C.S.E., Professor of Materia Medica
in the University of Aberdeen, Senior Physician to Aberdeen Royal
Infirmary, and Lecturer on Clinical Medicine.*

I have peculiar satisfaction in giving expression to the high opinion I entertain of the personal and professional qualifications of David Nicolson, M.B. and C.M. of this University.

Both at the University and at the Royal Infirmary here, Dr Nicolson was one of our most distinguished students. All through his course of medical study, he devoted himself in good earnest to the work before him, occupying a foremost place among his fellow-students, and gaining for himself the goodwill and the esteem of all his teachers. A prizeman in all or most of the classes in which prizes are given, he ended his University course "with Academical Honours," a distinction attained by very few graduates, and in the highest degree honourable to himself.

For twelve months Dr Nicolson acted as one of my chief clinical clerks, and in that capacity gave me the most entire satisfaction. I have seldom seen one acquit himself better in the wards of an hospital, and it was remarkable the progress he made in this, the practical department of his profession.

It is but due to Dr Nicolson to add that, in his personal and private relations, I believe him to be worthy of all regard—a man of strict honour, of great intelligence, and of a kind and

obliging disposition. Altogether, I consider Dr Nicolson a man of high promise in his profession, and I have no doubt that, if spared, he will rise to eminence in it.

(Signed) ALEX. HARVEY, M.D., &c.

Aberdeen, September 14, 1866.

From D. KERR, Esq., M.D., Surgeon to the Royal Infirmary and Examiner in Medicine in the University of Aberdeen.

I hereby certify that Dr D. Nicolson was well known to me as a distinguished student at the University of Aberdeen. I consider him to be highly qualified for the office for which he is a candidate, and I would think any service fortunate in having an officer so very desirable.

(Signed) DAVID KERR, M.D., &c.

From JAS. F. SMITH, Esq., M.D., Physician to the Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, and Lecturer on Clinical Medicine.

I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to Dr D. Nicolson's qualifications for the practice of his profession. Having known him for the last three years, while he was a student at this Hospital, I can speak with confidence as to the zeal and success with which he prosecuted his medical studies. I have no doubt he will become a careful and trustworthy practitioner, and I beg to recommend him to the charge of any Public Hospital, or the poor of any district, not merely on account of his professional attainments, but also of his excellent general character.

(Signed) JAS. F. SMITH, M.D.

From R. RATTRAY, Esq., M.D., Superintendent, Aberdeen Royal Infirmary.

I have been acquainted with Dr D. Nicolson since soon after the commencement of his studies at this Hospital. During the period of his attendance, he officiated as Dresser and Clerk to the Surgeons and Physicians. He was well known as an attentive, intelligent, and orderly student; and from the care and attention he bestowed on his professional studies, as well as from his general good conduct and amiable disposition, I have no doubt that he will discharge the duties of any medical appointment in which he may be placed, faithfully.

(Signed) ROBERT RATTRAY, M.D.

From J. W. MILLER, Esq., M.D., L.R.C.S.E., Physician, Dundee Royal Infirmary.

Dr Nicolson has been resident in the Royal Infirmary here for the last five months, and from the intercourse I have had with him during that period, I have formed a high opinion of his character. He is well informed in his profession, zealous in adding to the knowledge he already possesses, and diligent in the discharge of his duties.

In addition to his good qualifications professionally, his natural disposition and manners are such as cannot fail to render him highly esteemed wherever his lot may be cast.

(Signed) J. W. MILLER, M.D.

From D. GREIG, Esq., M.D., F.R.C.S.E., Surgeon, Dundee Royal Infirmary.

I hereby certify that Dr D. Nicolson has acted as assistant to the Medical Superintendent of this Infirmary for a period of five months, and during that time I have had every reason to be very highly pleased with the manner in which he has conducted himself. His gentlemanly manner, kindly disposition, business habits, and thorough knowledge of his profession, will secure him success in life, and I can strongly recommend him for any appointment for which he may be a candidate.

(Signed) DAVID GREIG, M.D., F.R.C.S.

*From T. J. MACLAGAN, Esq., M.D., &c., Superintendent of the
the Royal Infirmary, Dundee.*

For the last five months, Dr D. Nicolson has acted as Assistant Superintendent of this Institution. I have thus necessarily had the best opportunity for forming an opinion regarding both his private character and professional acquirements. His disposition is amiable, his manners kindly, and his moral character irreproachable. His professional knowledge is varied and extensive, and I have always had every reason to be satisfied with the manner in which he treated the cases committed to his charge.

I have no hesitation in recommending Dr Nicolson for any situation involving professional responsibility and trust.

(Signed)

T. J. MACLAGAN, M.D., &c.

Sept. 22, 1866.

*From Wm. L. GIBSON, Esq., M.D., Consulting Physician to the
Dundee Royal Infirmary.*

Dundee, October 13, 1866.

Having just learned from Dr David Nicolson, who has recently acted for some time as *interim* resident Medical Superintendent of the Royal Infirmary here, that he is now a Candidate for permanent appointment to that highly important and responsible office, it gives me much pleasure to be able to say, that from all I have personally observed and otherwise know, of his intelligence, and practical knowledge of his profession, and of the zeal, fidelity, and kindness he has displayed in the discharge of its arduous duties, I consider him amply qualified for the post to which he aspires.

Added to this, he has himself already passed through one at least of the forms of contagious fever—a circumstance which, in painful recollection of the successive disasters that so lately resulted from the appointment of gentlemen not so protected, I cannot but regard as weighing much in his favor as a Candidate.

(Signed)

WM. L. GIBSON, M.D.,
Consulting Physician, Dundee Royal
Infirmary.

*From W. CROCKATT, M.D., F.R.C.S.E., Consulting Surgeon to
the Dundee Royal Infirmary.*

I hereby certify that I have known Dr D. Nicolson for some time, and have much pleasure in bearing testimony to his professional acquirements. From what I know of Dr Nicolson's character as a most diligent and successful student of the various sciences appertaining to medicine, and of his acknowledged kindness of disposition and moral worth, I cannot doubt but that he will, if appointed to the situation he now solicits, perform all the duties not only very faithfully, but also very assiduously and successfully.

During the time Dr Nicolson has acted as Interim House Surgeon to the Dundee Royal Infirmary, he discharged the duties to the entire satisfaction of the Medical Officers and Directors.

(Signed)

W. CROCKATT, M.D., F.R.C.S.E.

Dundee, 15th Sept. 1866.

*From GEO. ROUGH, Esq., Chairman of the Board of Directors
of the Dundee Royal Infirmary, and some time Provost
of Dundee.*

I have much pleasure in certifying that Dr Nicolson has been residing in the Royal Infirmary here for five months, acting as assistant to the Medical Superintendent, during which time he has given the highest satisfaction, and shewn himself well qualified for every department of his profession.

In all my intercourse with him, as Chairman of the Directors of this Institution, I have had much satisfaction.

(Signed)

GEORGE ROUGH.

Dundee, Sept. 17, 1866.

*From JAMES S. BRAZIER, Esq., F.C.S., Professor of Chemistry,
University of Aberdeen.*

I have very great pleasure in certifying what I know of the attainments of Dr David Nicolson.

During his medical curriculum, Dr Nicolson was before me as a student of Chemistry for more than the ordinary courses required. His persevering attention and his diligence soon attracted my notice, and afterwards earned for him an honourable position among the students of his class.

I believe Dr Nicolson was highly esteemed by his teachers, and I think all can certify that he passed his medical graduation examinations generally in a highly creditable manner.

Although it is not my province to speak upon his medical attainments, still I may say that from what I know personally of Dr Nicolson, and from what I have heard my medical colleagues say of him, he is likely to prove a distinguished graduate of our University,—and with these feelings, I wish him every success.

(Signed)

JAS. S. BRAZIER,
Professor of Chemistry.

Oct. 18th, 1866.

*From DAVID FIDDES, Esq., M.D., Surgeon, Aberdeen Royal Infirmary,
and Examiner in Medicine in the University.*

When Dr Nicolson was attending the Hospital here, he was considered to be an intelligent and hard-working student, and he always took a great interest in his profession. From the zeal with which he prosecuted his studies, and his uprightness of character, I have no doubt he will be a credit to any Institution.

(Signed)

DAVID FIDDES,
Surgeon, Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen.

17th October, 1866.

From GEO. SUTHERLAND, Esq., M.R.C.P. and L.R.C.S.E.

I hereby certify that, for six months, Dr Nicolson acted as my assistant at the Aberdeen General Dispensary and Lying-in Institution, and also at the City Poor-House there; and that the skill, kindness, and attention he manifested in the performance of his duties gave me entire satisfaction, and I have great pleasure in recommending him as highly qualified for the office of Medical Superintendent of the Dundee Hospital.

(Signed) GEO. SUTHERLAND,
 Mem. Royal Coll. of Phys. Edinburgh, &c., &c.

18th Oct. 1866.

*From the Right Rev. THOMAS GEORGE SUTHER, D.C.L.,
Bishop of Aberdeen.*

Dr David Nicolson has been known to me for several years. He is a young man of excellent moral character, has been well educated, and has distinguished himself throughout his academical course as a hard student in all branches of his profession.

(Signed) THOMAS GEO. SUTHER, D.C.L.,
 Bishop of Aberdeen.

October 5, 1866.

